

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) An abrading system ~~comproing~~comprising:

a direct-coated sponge abrasive material directly bearing a releasable securing means comprising one part of a two part hook material and loop material attachment system wherein the abrasive layer comprises a coating on the surface of the sponge material together with binders which include abrasive material; and
an elongate strap suitable for accommodating a hand, wherein the strap defines a first end and a second end opposite the first end, wherein the strap bears, at least at the first and second ends, the other part of the hook material or loop material of the attachment system, and further wherein the first and second ends of the strap are secured to the releasable securing means.

2.(Original) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which said releasable securing means comprises loop material secured to the sponge.

3.(Original) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which said releasable securing means comprises hook material secured to the sponge.

4.(Original) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which the sponge is in the form of a sheet having opposite major surfaces and the abrasive and securing means are on the opposite major surfaces.

5.(Currently Amended) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material including a sponge, an abrasive layer and a releasable securing means comprising one part of a two part hook material and loop material attachment system, wherein the sponge is in the form of a rectangular block

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having two major surfaces bearing direct coated with the abrasive layer in the form of a coating with binders that include the abrasive material, and four minor surfaces at least one of which bears said one part of said releasable securing means.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) An abrading system comprising:

- a direct-coated sponge abrasive material directly bearing a releasable securing means bonded onto a surface of the direct-coated sponge abrasive material, the releasable securing means comprising one part of a two part hook material and loop material attachment system, wherein the abrasive layer comprises a coating on the surface of the sponge material together with binders which include abrasive material; and
- a back-up pad comprising the other part of a hook material and loop material attachment system.

8. (Original) A direct-coated material as claimed in claim 7 in which the back-up pad is adapted for use on a motor driven sanding machine.

9. (Original) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 7 in which the back-up pad is in the form of a block for hand sanding.

10. (Original) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1 in which the loop material comprises brushed nylon.

11. (Previously Presented) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1, in which the sponge material comprises a sheet of open-cell polyester-urethane foam.

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12.(Previously Presented) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1, in which the sponge material has a density of about 50 kg/m³ to 100 kg/m³.

13.(Previously Presented) A direct-coated sponge abrasive material as claimed in claim 1, in which the sponge material is a sheet of foam material free of abrasive particles.